

## STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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## Notice of Proposed Action

December 21, 2007

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following Notice of Proposed Action under the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Clean Water Act. The Administrator has received an application for an Authorization to Apply Domestic Septage, Permit NEV2008501, from the following applicant:

Webb Ranch Terry and Laura Webb P.O. Box 2279 Fallon, Nevada 89407

The Applicant proposes to continue to land apply domestic septage, portable toilet fluid, and grease trap material to approximately 37 acres of nutrient deficient agricultural land located at Webb Ranch, 1460 Norcutt Lane, Fallon, Churchill County assessors parcel number 006-111-13. The Applicant has been authorized to land apply septage, portable toilet fluid, and grease interceptor material pumped by A-1 Septic, Allied Sanitation Service, Budget Septic Service, Bonanza Septic Service, Easy Rooter Plumbing, Shamrock Site Services, and Summit Plumbing and Septic Service at this site since July 5, 2007 under temporary permit TNEV2007519. The draft permit proposes to increase the amount of land authorized for land application to approximately 220 acres. The new areas will include the remaining 151 acres of parcel 006-111-13 and approximately 32 acres of parcel 006-111-10 located at 500 Norcutt Lane. The Applicant owns water rights for all acreage authorized for land application. The permit will authorize the storage of up to 20,000 gallons of these fluids in two 10,000-gallon steel, above ground storage tanks. Domestic septage must be incorporated into the soil within six hours of land application. The rate of land application will be limited by the nitrogen uptake of the crop to be grown. The Applicant will be required to plant a crop to utilize the nitrogen within one year of land application. The Applicant is required to have irrigation water rights for the land application field at the time septage is applied.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes, as amended, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue permit NEV2008501 to discharge for a five (5) year period, subject to certain effluent limitations.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance, or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, hand delivered, e-mailed, faxed, or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. on January 26, 2008, to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Division of Environmental Protection Bureau of Water Pollution Control 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001 Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249

The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time. The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Bruce Holmgren, Bureau of Water Pollution Control, at (775) 687-9423, or at <a href="mailto:bholmgre@ndep.nv.gov">bholmgre@ndep.nv.gov</a>. The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684. For further information, the fact sheet for this project can be viewed at the following website: <a href="http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm">http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm</a>.